

I support media diversity

I want urge the FCC to stop their plans to end critical safeguards designed to help ensure diversity of media ownership. Under the FCC plans, one company in a community will be able to own the newspaper, several TV and radio stations, the cable system, and the principal Internet access company. There will be fewer owners of networks, stations, and newspapers nationwide. I urge you to also call on the FCC to ensure there are public hearings to discuss how such proposals will affect my community and the nation. I personally have had 3 Cable TV/Internet providers in the past 3 years due solely to corporate mergers.

As William Safire states, "The concentration of power &#8212; political, corporate, media, cultural &#8212; should be anathema to conservatives. The diffusion of power through local control, thereby encouraging individual participation, is the essence of federalism and the greatest expression of democracy.". These rule changes are bad for competition, the First Amendment and democracy.

Thank you.